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**Amendments to the Claims:**

Amendments to the claims are made without prejudice or disclaimer. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (Previously Presented) A method for auditing forms, the method comprising:  
  
issuing a request to provide a form identifier that is associated with a form;  
  
receiving the identifier at a host computer; and  
  
verifying with the host computer whether the identifier is a valid identifier for the form being used.
2. (Previously Presented) A method as in claim 1, wherein the request is issued from a terminal having a processor that is in communication with the host computer, and further comprising logging an error if the identifier is not valid.
3. (Original) A method as in claim 2, wherein the request is sent from the host computer to the terminal.
4. (Original) A method as in claim 1, where the request is issued from a customer service operator over a phone.
5. (Original) A method as in claim 2, wherein the identifier is received at the host computer from the terminal.
6. (Original) A method as in claim 1, wherein the host computer includes an associated database, and wherein the identifier is verified by comparing the identifier with a list of valid identifiers in the database.

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7. (Original) A method as in claim 1, further comprising determining whether an appropriate form has already been ordered.
8. (Original) A method as in claim 7, wherein if an appropriate form has not been ordered, placing an order for an appropriate form.
9. (Original) A method as in claim 8, further comprising evaluating whether the ordered form is received by a user.
10. (Original) A method as in claim 9, further comprising transmitting an identifier for a replacement form to the host computer.
11. (Original) A forms auditing system, comprising:
- a host computer; and
- a database associated with the host computer, the database having a record of a set of forms and a valid identifier for each of the forms;
- wherein the host computer is configured to receive an identifier in response to a request to audit a form, and to verify whether the identifier is a valid identifier for the audited form by comparing the identifier with the identifiers in the database, and to produce a record in the database of the comparison.
12. (Original) A system as in claim 11, further comprising a terminal having a processor, wherein the terminal is configured to receive the identifier of the form being audited and to electronically send the identifier to the host computer.
13. (Original) A system as in claim 12, wherein the terminal is configured to produce an audit screen having a region for inputting the identifier.
14. (Original) A system as in claim 13, wherein the terminal is configured to produce the audit screen based on information sent to the terminal from the host computer.

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15. (Original) A system as in claim 11, wherein the host computer is configured to generate an error report if the identifier of the form being audited is not valid.

16. (Previously Presented) A forms auditing system, comprising:

a form identifier that is associated with a form;

a host computer; and

a database associated with the host computer, the database having a record of a set of forms and a valid form identifier for each of the forms;

wherein the host computer is configured to receive the form identifier in response to a request to audit a form, and to verify whether the form identifier is a valid form identifier for the form to be audited by comparing the form identifier with the valid form identifiers in the database, and to produce a record in the database of the comparison.